

## **APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS**



For purposes of the Children's Administration *Case Services Policy Manual*, the following definitions apply within the context of the statute in which they are presented.

**"ABANDONED"** means when the child's parent, guardian, or other custodian has expressed, either by statement or conduct, an intent to forego, for an extended period, parental rights or responsibilities despite an ability to exercise such rights and responsibilities. If the court finds that the petitioner has exercised due diligence in attempting to locate the parent, no contact between the child and the child's parent, guardian, or other custodian for a period of three months creates a rebuttable presumption of abandonment, even if there is no expressed intent to abandon.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"ABUSE OR NEGLECT"** means the injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, negligent treatment, or maltreatment of a child by any person under circumstances which indicate that the child's health, welfare, and safety is harmed, excluding conduct permitted under RCW 9A.16.100. An abused child is a child who has been subjected to child abuse or neglect as defined in this section.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW"** means a review open to the participation of the parents of the child, conducted by a panel of appropriate persons at least one of whom is not responsible for the case management of, or the delivery of services to, either the child or the parents who are the subject of the review.

**42 USC 675, SEC. 475**

**"ADMINISTRATOR"** means the individual who has the daily administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center, or his or her designee.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"ADOPTEE"** means a person who is to be adopted or who has been adopted.

[RCW 26.33.020](#)

**"ADOPTION ASSISTANCE STATE"** means the state that is signatory to an adoption assistance agreement in a particular case.

**RCW 74.13.154**

**"ADOPTIVE PARENT"** means the person or persons who seek to adopt or have adopted an adoptee.

[RCW 26.33.020](#)

**"AGENCY"** means any public or private association, corporation, or individual licensed or certified by the department as a child placing agency under chapter 74.15 RCW.

**RCW 26.33.020**

**"ALLEGED FATHER"** means a person whose parent-child relationship has not been terminated, who is not a presumed father under chapter 26.26 RCW, and who alleges himself or who a party alleges to be the father of the child. It includes a person whose marriage to the mother was terminated more than three hundred days before the birth of the child or who was separated from the mother more than three hundred days before the birth of the child.

[RCW 26.33.020](#)

**"APPLICANT"** means any of the following:

1. Any prospective employee who will or may have unsupervised access to children under 16 years of age or developmentally disabled persons during the course of his or her employment or involvement with the department.
2. Any prospective volunteer who will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children under 16 years of age or developmentally disabled persons during the course of his or her employment or involvement with the department under circumstances where such access will or may involve groups of:
  - a. Five or fewer children under 12 years of age.
  - b. Three or fewer children between 12 and 16 years of age.
  - c. Developmentally disabled persons.
3. Any prospective adoptive parent, as defined in RCW 26.33.020.

**RCW 43.43.830**

**"AT-RISK YOUTH"** means an individual under the chronological age of eighteen years who:

1. Is absent from home for at least 72 consecutive hours without consent of his or her parent;
2. Is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the child's behavior substantially endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other person; or
3. Has a serious substance abuse problem for which there are no pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS"** means pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C, Tuberculosis, and STDs including HIV.

**"CANADIAN INDIAN CHILD"** means an unmarried person under the age of 18 who is a member of a treaty tribe, Métis Community, or a non-status Indian community from Canada. See "INDIAN CHILD" and "WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN CHILD."

**"CHILD," "JUVENILE," "MINOR," and "YOUTH"** means any unemancipated individual who is under the chronological age of eighteen years.

**RCW 13.32A.030; RCW 13.34.030; [RCW 26.33.020](#);  
RCW 26.44.020; RCW 71.06.010; RCW 74.13.020**

**"CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES" (CHINS)** means a juvenile:

1. Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child or other person; and/or
2. Who has been reported to law enforcement as absent without consent for at least 24 consecutive hours on two or more separate occasions from the home of either parent, a CRC, an out-of-home placement, or a court-ordered placement; and
  - a. Has exhibited a serious substance abuse problem; or
  - b. Has exhibited behaviors that create a serious risk of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other person; or
3. Who is in need of necessary services, including food, shelter, health care, clothing, or education; or services designed to maintain or reunite the family; and/or
  - a. Who lacks access, or has declined, to utilize these services; and
  - b. Whose parents have evidenced continuing but unsuccessful efforts to maintain the family structure or are unable or unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"CHINS PETITION"** means a petition filed in juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department seeking adjudication of placement of the child.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT"** shall mean the injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by any person under circumstances which indicate that the child's health, welfare, and safety is harmed thereby. An abused child is a child who has been subjected to child abuse or neglect as defined herein: Provided, that this subsection shall not be construed to authorize interference with child-raising practices, including reasonable parental discipline, which are not proved to be injurious to the child's health, welfare, and safety: And provided further, That nothing in this section shall be used to prohibit the reasonable use of corporal punishment as a means of discipline. No parent or guardian shall be deemed abusive or neglectful solely by reason of the parent's or child's blindness, deafness, developmental disability or other handicap.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES"** means those services provided by the department designed to protect children from child abuse and neglect and safeguard such children from future abuse and neglect, and conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect reports. Investigations may be conducted regardless of the location of the alleged abuse or neglect. Child Protective Services includes referral to services to ameliorate conditions which endanger the welfare of children, the coordination of necessary programs and services relevant to the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect, and services to children to help each child to have a permanent home. In determining whether protective services should be provided, the department

shall not decline to provide such services solely because of the child's unwillingness or developmental inability to describe the nature and severity of the abuse or neglect.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"CHILD WELFARE SERVICES"** shall be defined as public social services including adoption services which strengthen, supplement, or substitute for, parental care and supervision for the purpose of:

1. Preventing, remedying, or assisting in the solution of problems which may result in families in conflict, or the neglect, abuse, exploitation, or criminal behavior of children.
2. Protecting and caring for dependent or neglected children.
3. Assisting children who are in conflict with their parents, and assisting parents who are in conflict with their children with services designed to resolve such conflicts.
4. Protecting and promoting the welfare of children, including the strengthening of their own homes where possible, or where needed.
5. Providing adequate care of children away from their homes in foster family homes or day care or other child care agencies or facilities.

The department's duty to provide services to homeless families with children is set forth in RCW 43.20A.790 and in appropriations provided by the legislature for implementation of the plan.

**RCW 74.13.020**

**"COURT"** means the superior court of the State of Washington.

[RCW 26.33.020](#); **RCW 26.44.020**

**"CRISIS RESIDENTIAL CARE"** means a licensed, semi-secure, emergency, temporary residence available for dependent children, runaways, or children absent from their home, pending their return home or placement in an alternative residential placement.

**RCW 74.13.032**

**"CRISIS RESIDENTIAL CENTER"** means a secure or semi-secure facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"CURRENT PLACEMENT EPISODE"** means the period of time that begins with the most recent date that the child was removed from the home of the parent, guardian, or legal custodian for purposes of placement in out-of-home care and continues until: (a) the child returns home; (b) an adoption decree, a permanent custody order, or a guardianship order is entered; or (c) the dependency is dismissed, whichever occurs first.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"CUSTODIAN"** means the person or entity who has the legal right to custody of the child.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"DEPARTMENT"** means the Department of Social and Health Services.

**RCW 13.32A.030; [RCW 26.33.020](#); RCW 26.44.020**

**"DEPENDENCY GUARDIAN"** means the person, nonprofit corporation, or Indian tribe appointed by the court pursuant to RCW 13.34.232 for the limited purpose of assisting the court in the supervision of the dependency.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"DEPENDENT CHILD"** means any child who:

1. Has been abandoned;
2. Is abused or neglected as defined in RCW 26.44 by a person legally responsible for the care of the child;
3. Has no parent, guardian or custodian capable of adequately caring for the child, such that the child is in circumstances which constitute a substantial danger to the child's psychological or physical development.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY"** means a disability attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another neurological or other condition of an individual found by the department to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with mental retardation, which disability originates before the individual attains age 18, which has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and which constitutes a substantial handicap to the individual.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILD"** is a child who has a developmental disability as defined in RCW 71A.10.020 and whose parent, guardian, or legal custodian and with the department mutually agree that services appropriate to the child's needs cannot be provided in the home.

**RCW 74.13.021**

**"DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSON"** means a person who has a disability defined in RCW 71A.10.020.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBER"** means an adult who is a grandparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, or first cousin with whom the child has a relationship and is comfortable, and who is willing and available to care for the child.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"EMERGENCY RESPITE CENTER"** is an agency that may be commonly known as a crisis nursery, that provides emergency and crisis care for up to seventy-two hours to children who have been admitted by their parents or guardians to prevent abuse or neglect. Emergency respite centers may operate for up to twenty-four hours a day, and for up to seven days a week. Emergency respite centers may provide care for children ages birth through seventeen, and for persons eighteen through twenty with

developmental disabilities who are admitted with a sibling or siblings through age seventeen. Emergency respite centers may not substitute for crisis residential centers or HOPE centers, or any other services defined under this section, and may not substitute for services which are required under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW.

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES"** means services that are delivered primarily in the home, that follow intensive service models with demonstrated effectiveness in reducing or avoiding the need for unnecessary imminent foster care placement, and that have all of the characteristics delineated in RCW 74.14C.020.

**RCW 74.14C.010**

**"FOSTER CARE"** means placement of a child by the department or a licensed child placing agency in a home or facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW, or in a home or facility that is not required to be licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW. Under the federal definition, **"foster care"** means 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the department has placement and care responsibility. This includes but is not limited to, placements in foster family homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, child care institutions, and pre-adoptive homes. A child is in foster care in accordance with the federal definition regardless of whether the foster care facility is licensed and payments are made by the department for the care of the child, whether adoption subsidy payments are being made prior to the finalization of the adoption, or whether there is federal matching of any payments that are made.

**RCW 74.14C.010; 45 CFR 1355**

**"FOSTER CARE TEAM"** means the foster parent currently providing care, the currently assigned social worker, and the parent or parents.

**RCW 13.34.260**

**"FOSTER FAMILY HOME"** means an agency which regularly provides care on a 24 hour basis to one or more children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care and supervision the child, expectant mother, or person with a developmental disability is placed. For the purpose of federal Title IV-E eligibility, **"foster family home"** means the home of an individual or family licensed or approved as meeting the standards established by the Division of Licensed Resources (or with respect to foster family homes on or near Indian Reservations, by the tribal licensing or approval authority), that provides 24-hour out-of-home care for children.

**RCW 74.15.020; 45 CFR 1355**

**"GROUP CARE FACILITY"** means an agency, other than a foster-family home, which is maintained and operated for the care of a group of children on a 24 hour basis.

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"GUARDIAN"** means the person or agency that: (a) has been appointed as the guardian of a child in a legal proceeding other than a proceeding under RCW 13.34; and (b) has the legal right to custody of the child pursuant to such appointment. The term "guardian" shall not include a "dependency guardian" appointed pursuant to a proceeding under RCW 13.34.

**RCW 13.32A.030; RCW 13.34.030**



**"GUARDIANSHIP"** means, for the purposes of permanency planning, a dependency guardianship, a legal guardianship pursuant to chapter 11.88 RCW, or equivalent laws of another state or a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

**RCW 13.34.145**

**"GUARDIAN AD LITEM"** means a person, not related to a party to the action, appointed by the court to represent the best interest of a party who is under a legal disability.

**[RCW 26.33.020](#)**

**"HEALTH CARE"** includes, but is not limited to, medical, dental, psychological, and psychiatric care and treatment.

**"HOPE CENTER"** means an agency licensed by the department to provide temporary residential placement and other services to street youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for 30 days while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated. No street youth may stay longer than 30 days unless approved by the department and any additional days approved by the department must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option. A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned home may remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center up to 30 days.

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"IMMINENT"** means, for purposes of making a determination regarding provision of intensive family preservation services, a decision has been made by the department that, without family preservation services, a petition requesting the removal of a child from the family home will be immediately filed under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW, or that a voluntary placement agreement will be immediately initiated.

**RCW 74.14C.010**

**"IMMINENT HARM"** for purposes of RCW 13.34.050 shall include, but not be limited to, circumstances of sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation as defined in RCW 26.44.020. RCW 13.34.050

**"INDIAN"** means any person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, or who is an Alaska Native and a member of a Regional Corporation as defined in section 1606 of Title 43 USC.

**25 USC 1901(3)**

**"INDIAN CHILD"** means any unmarried person who is under age 18 and is either (a) a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or (b) is eligible for membership in a federally recognized Indian tribe and is the biological child of a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe. **25 USC 1901(3)**. See "WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN CHILD"; "CANADIAN INDIAN CHILD"; "UNENROLLED INDIAN CHILD."

**"INDIGENT"** means a person who, at any stage of a court proceeding, is:

1. Receiving one of the following types of public assistance: Temporary assistance for needy families, general assistance, poverty-related veterans' benefits, food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically, refugee resettlement benefits, Medicaid, or supplemental security income; or

2. Involuntarily committed to a public mental health facility; or
3. Receiving an annual income, after taxes, of 125 percent or less of the federally established poverty level; or
4. Unable to pay the anticipated cost of counsel for the matter before the court because his or her available funds are insufficient to pay any amount for the retention of counsel.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"INSTITUTION"** means a private or public hospital or any other facility providing medical diagnosis, treatment or care.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"JUVENILE COURT"** is a division of the superior court.

**RCW 13.04.021**

**"LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY"** means the police department, the prosecuting attorney, the state patrol, the director of public safety, or the office of the sheriff.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**LEGALLY FREE**-A child is legally free for adoption if the child has no legal parent, either because the parent has died or because parental rights have been terminated (through relinquishment or involuntary termination) by a court order.

**"LEGAL GUARDIAN"** means, for purposes of adoption proceedings under chapter 26.33 RCW, the department, an agency, or a person, other than a parent or stepparent, appointed by the court to promote the child's general welfare, with the authority and duty to make decisions affecting the child's development.

**RCW 26.33.020**

**"LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP"** means a judicially-created relationship between child and caretaker that is intended to be permanent and self-sustaining as evidenced by the transfer to the caretaker of the following parental rights with respect to the child: protection, education, care and control of the person, and decision-making. The term "legal guardian" means the caretaker in such a relationship.

**45 CFR 1355**

**"MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM"** means a group formed to provide assistance and support to a child who is an at-risk youth or a child in need of services and the child's parent. The team shall include the parent, a department social worker, a local government representative when authorized by the local government, and, when appropriate, members from the mental health and substance abuse disciplines. The team may also include, but is not limited to, the following persons: Educators, law enforcement personnel, probation officers, employers, church persons, tribal members, therapists, medical personnel, social service providers, placement providers, and extended family members. The team members shall be volunteers who do not receive compensation while acting in a capacity as a team member, unless the member's employer chooses to provide compensation or the member is a state employee.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"NEAR FATALITY"** means an act that, as certified by a physician, places the child in serious or critical condition. The department is under no obligation to have an act certified by a physician in order to comply with this section.

**RCW 74.13.500**

**"NEGLIGENT TREATMENT OR MALTREATMENT"** means an act or omission that evidences a serious disregard of consequences of such magnitude as to constitute a clear and present danger to the child's health, welfare, and safety. The fact that siblings share a bedroom is not, in and of itself, "negligent treatment or maltreatment."

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"OUT-OF-HOME CARE or PLACEMENT"** means placement in a foster family home or group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW or placement in a home, other than that of the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, not required to be licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW.

**RCW 13.32A.030; RCW 13.34.030**

**"PARENT"** means, except where otherwise defined by statute, a child's birth or adoptive mother or father, including a presumed father, unless parental rights have been terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction. For purposes of child in need of services (CHINS) proceedings and at-risk youth (ARY) proceedings under chapter 13.32A RCW, "parent" means the parent who has the right to legal custody of the child.

**RCW 13.04.011; 26.33.020**

**"PERMANENT CUSTODY ORDER"** means, for purposes of permanency planning, a custody order entered pursuant to chapter 26.10 RCW.

**RCW 13.34.145**

**"PERMANENT LEGAL CUSTODY"** means, for purposes of permanency planning, legal custody pursuant to chapter 26.10 RCW or equivalent laws of another state or of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

**RCW 13.34.145**

**"PHARMACIST"** shall mean any registered pharmacist under the provisions of chapter 18.64 RCW.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"PLACEMENT DECISION"** means the decision to place, or to delay or deny the placement of, a child in a foster care or an adoptive home, and includes the decision of the agency or entity involved to seek the termination of birth parent rights or otherwise make a child legally available for adoptive placement.

**42 USC 5115A**

**"PLACEMENT EPISODE"** means, for purposes of the citizen review process established under chapter 13.70 RCW, the period of time that begins when the child was removed from the home of the parent or legal custodian for the purposes of placement in substitute care and continues until the child returns home or adoption decree guardianship order is granted.

**RCW 13.70.010**

**"PRACTITIONER OF THE HEALING ARTS" or "PRACTITIONER"** means a person licensed by this state to practice podiatry, optometry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, osteopathy and surgery, or medicine and surgery or approved other health services. The term "practitioner" shall include a duly accredited Christian Science practitioner.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"PRESUMED FATHER"** shall mean a man considered to be the natural father of a child for all intents and purposes if:

1. He and the child's natural mother are or have been married to each other and the child is born during the marriage or within three hundred days after the marriage is terminated by death, annulment, declaration of invalidity, divorce, or dissolution, after or a decree of separation is entered by the court; or
2. Before child's birth, he and the child's natural mother have attempted to marry each other by a marriage solemnized in apparent compliance with law, although the attempted marriage is or could be declared invalid, and the child is born within three hundred days after the termination of cohabitation;
3. After the child's birth, he and the child's natural mother have married, or attempted to marry, each other by a marriage solemnized in apparent compliance with law, although the attempted marriage is or could be declared invalid; and
  - a. He has acknowledged his paternity of the child in writing filed with the registrar of vital statistics;
  - b. With his consent, he is named as the child's father on the child's birth certificate; or
  - c. He is obligated to support the child under a written voluntary promise or by court order;
4. While the child is under the age of majority, he receives the child into his home and openly holds out the child as his child;
5. He acknowledges his paternity of the child pursuant to RCW 70.58.080 or in a writing filed with the state office of vital statistics, which shall promptly inform the mother of the filing of the acknowledgment, if she does not dispute the acknowledgment within a reasonable time after being informed thereof, in a writing filed with the registrar of vital statistics. In order to enforce rights of residential time, custody, and visitation, a man presumed to be the father as a result of filing a written acknowledgment must seek appropriate judicial orders under this title; or
6. The Immigration and Naturalization Service made or accepted a determination that he was the father of the child at the time of the child's entry into the United States and he had the opportunity at the time of the child's entry into the United States to admit or deny the paternal relationship.

**RCW 26.26.040**

**"PREVENTIVE SERVICES"** means preservation services, as defined in chapter 74.14C, and other reasonably available services, including housing services, capable of preventing the need for out-of-home placement while protecting the child. Housing services may include, but are not limited to, referrals to federal, state, local, or private agencies or organizations, assistance with forms and applications, or financial subsidies for housing.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"PROBATIONARY LICENSE"** means a license issued as a disciplinary measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but is out of compliance with licensing standards.

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PERSONNEL"** shall include, but not be limited to, teachers, counselors, administrators, child care facility personnel, and school nurses.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"PSYCHOLOGIST"** shall mean any person licensed to practice psychology under chapter 18.83 RCW.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"PUTATIVE FATHER"** - See **"ALLEGED FATHER"**

**"RELATIVE"** includes adult persons who are related by blood or marriage to the child in the following ways:

1. Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and including first cousins, nephews or nieces, and persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great;
2. Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;
3. A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons, and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance with state law;
4. Spouses of any persons named in (a), (b), or (c) above, even after the marriage is terminated; or
5. "Extended family members," as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a person who has reached the age of 18 and who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or stepparent who provides care in the family abode on a 24-hour basis to an Indian child as defined in 25 USC 1903(4).

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"RELINQUISHMENT"** means the voluntary surrender of custody of a child to the department, an agency or prospective adoptive parents.

**[RCW 26.33.020](#)**

**"RESIDENCE STATE"** means the state where the child is living.

**RCW 74.13.154**

**"RESPONSIBLE LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM"** means an agency licensed by the department that provides residential and transitional living services to persons ages 16 to 18 who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW and who have been unable to live in his or her own legally authorized residence and, as a result, the minor lived outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor. Dependent minors ages 14 and 15, may be eligible if no other placement alternative is available and the department approves the placement.

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"SECURE FACILITY"** means a crisis residential center, or portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from leaving without permission of the facility staff.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"SEMI-SECURE FACILITY"** means any facility, including but not limited to Crisis Residential Centers (CRCs) or specialized foster family homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed there will not run away.

**RCW 13.32.A.030**

**"SEXUAL ABUSE"** is the use, persuasion, or coercion of a child to engage in any sexually explicit conduct for the purposes of pornography, rape, molestation, prostitution, or incest.

**RCW 9.68A.040; RCW 9.68A.050; RCW 9.68A.090; RCW 9.68A.100**

**"SEXUAL ASSAULT"** means one or more of the following: (a) Rape or rape of a child; (b) Assault with intent to commit rape; (c) Incest or indecent liberties; (d) Child molestation; (e) Sexual misconduct with a minor; (f) Crimes with a sexual motivation; (g) An attempt to commit any of the aforementioned offenses.

**RCW 70.125.030**

**"SEXUAL EXPLOITATION"** includes: (a) Allowing, permitting, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution by any person; or (b) allowing, permitting, encouraging, or engaging in the obscene or pornographic photographing, filming, or depicting of a child for commercial purposes as those acts are defined by state law by any person.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"SHELTER CARE"** means temporary physical care in a facility licensed pursuant to RCW 74.15.030 or in a home not required to be licensed pursuant to that section.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"SOCIAL SERVICES COUNSELOR"** means anyone engaged in a professional capacity during the regular course of employment in encouraging or promoting the health, welfare, support or education of children, or providing social services to adults or families, including mental health, drug and alcohol treatment, and domestic violence programs, whether in an individual capacity, or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"SOCIAL STUDY"** means a written evaluation of matters relevant to the disposition of the case and shall contain the following information:

1. A statement of the specific harm or harms to the child that intervention is designed to alleviate;
2. A description of the specific services and activities, for both the parents and child, that are needed in order to prevent serious harm to the child; the reasons why such services and activities are likely to be useful; the availability of any proposed services; and the agency's overall plan for ensuring that the services will be delivered. The description shall identify the services chosen and approved by the parent;
3. If removal is recommended, a full description of the reasons why the child cannot be protected adequately in the home, including a description of any previous efforts to work with the parents and the child in the home; the in-home treatment programs that have been considered and rejected; the preventive services that have been offered or provided and have failed to prevent the need for out-of-home placement, unless the health, safety, and welfare of the child cannot be protected adequately in the home; and the parents' attitude toward placement of the child;
4. A statement of the likely harms the child will suffer as a result of removal;
5. A description of the steps that will be taken to minimize the harm to the child that may result if separation occurs; and
6. Behavior that will be expected before determination that supervision of the family or placement is no longer necessary.

**RCW 13.34.030**

**"STAFF SECURE FACILITY"** means a structured group care facility licensed under rules adopted by the department with a ratio of at least one adult staff member to every two children.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"STATE"** means, for the purposes of adoption assistance, a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or a territory or possession of or administered by the United States.

**RCW 74.13.154**

**"STREET YOUTH"** means a person under the age of 18 who lives outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent or at his or her legally authorized residence.

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"SUBSTITUTE CARE"** means an out-of-home placement of a child for purposes related to the provision of child welfare services in accordance with chapter 74.13 RCW where the child is in the care, custody, and control of the department pursuant to a proceeding

under chapter 13.34 RCW or pursuant to the written consent of the child's parent, parents, or custodian.

**RCW 13.70.010**

**"TEMPORARY OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT"** means an out-of-home placement of not more than 14 days ordered by the court at a fact-finding hearing on a CHINS petition.

**RCW 13.32A.030**

**"TRANSITIONAL LIVING SERVICES"** means at a minimum, to the extent funds are available, the following:

1. Educational services, including basic literacy and computational skills training, either in local alternative or public high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to obtaining a high school equivalency degree;
2. Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance, and placement programs;
3. Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care, access to community resources, and transportation and housing options;
4. Individual and group counseling; and
5. Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and local organizations such as the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration programs including the Job Training Partnership Act which administers Private Industry Councils and the Job Corps; vocational rehabilitation; and volunteer programs.

**RCW 74.15.020**

**"UNENROLLED INDIAN CHILD"** means an unmarried person under the age of 18 who does not meet the definitions of Indian Child, Washington State Indian Child, or Canadian Indian Child. Regardless of enrollment or membership status, an Unenrolled Indian Child is a child considered to be Indian by a federally or non-federally recognized Indian tribe or off-reservation Indian/Alaska Native community organization. See **"INDIAN CHILD"** and **"WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN CHILD."**

**"UNFOUNDED"** means available information indicates that, more likely than not, child abuse or neglect did not occur. No unfounded allegation of child abuse or neglect may be disclosed to a child-placing agency, private adoption agency, or any other provider licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW.

**RCW 26.44.020**

**"VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT"** means a written agreement between the department and a child's parent or legal guardian authorizing the department to place the child in a licensed facility.

**RCW 74.13.350**



**"WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN CHILD"** means a child meeting the definition of Indian Child and whose tribe is a federally recognized tribe located within the state of Washington. See **"INDIAN CHILD."**

